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Congress of the United States
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November 8, 1983

Mr. William Ruckleshaus
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Washington, D.C. 20460

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Dear Mr. Ruckleshaus:

I am forwarding to you a letter from my constituent, (b) (6) of Gig Harbor, Washington. (b) (6) has some serious concerns regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's hearings on the Asarco smelter in Tacoma that I felt needed to be brought to your attention. In addition, since (b) (6) and others have questioned EPA's authority to utilize a risk assessment methodology, I would appreciate any authority you can cite which allows you to proceed with the chosen type of regulatory hearing.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Norm Dicks
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Member of Congress

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